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In re Application of:)
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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING)
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMBER)
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING)
SOLAR CELL) May 20, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the enclosed European Office Action which was issued during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application.

Each document listed in the enclosed European Office Action was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated August 11, 2000. Accordingly, no references accompany this Information Disclosure Statement.

The European Office Action is dated February 22, 2002. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that the information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

This application has received a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and

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is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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